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Government College.

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Dear Dr. Goldziker.



I beg to send you a copy of
the Arabic text on the Mu'tazilah,
about which I spoke to you some
time ago. It has been three
years in passing through the press!
and now that it is at last
finished, the manager of the

press (a very bigoted Muslim)
refuses to publish it, as being
heretical. So the whole impression
of 400 copies has been sent to me.

 If you think it worth
publishing, I shall place it in
the hands of Harrassowitz or
Luzac. But before doing so, I
shall be grateful if you will
kindly inform me whether you
consider that I should publish
it in its present form; the type

is rather old & worn (e.g. in many
cases it is difficult to distinguish
between γ and α). If you consider the
type to be too bad, I will have
it printed afresh by the
Asiatic Society of Bengal.

I must apologize for thus
intruding upon your valuable time,
but I trust that you will
be able to spare a few moments
to glance over the work. As far
as I know, this is the only

historical account of the Mustajilah
that is written by a writer who
sympathizes with that sect; all
the other accounts I know of,
have been written by enemies of
the sect.

You will probably have seen
Dr. Stein ere this, as he is on
his way home from Khotan where
he has been pursuing some very
successful archaeological investigations.

I remain

Yours sincerely
T. W. Arnold.